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The case of one Woodrow Wilson will probably prove one of the most pathetic in American history.

In the recent street car strike in Buffalo the local Socialist paper was the only paper in the city that stood by the men from the start.

Tolstoi said the rich would do anything for the poor except get down on their backs. There is certainly a lot of social worker work that squares nicely with this formula.

Next week The Herald, as usual, will present its May Day issue. It will be a good paper for propaganda uses and effective when placed in the right hands. See bundle rates on page 4.

Talk of Socialism being ungodly, Bishop Spalding evidently does not think so. He has joined the Church Socialist League, which has its headquarters at Valparaiso, Indiana. How sad it is to see an eminent prelate thus go to the bad!

The clean-up in the working class movement must be complete. Pay no money to fake "free speech" paraders or other militant-hum appeals for contributions. Do not help such elements to disgrace the cause of

(Catholic Citizen, Nine Years Ago.) Overhead on the Telephone.

"Hello, central! Give me Main 542.—Is this Father McCabe?—Well, this is Mr. Pullman of the Pullman Packing company.—Yes, we were glad to send that check of \$500 to you, Father, for your new steeple, because we recognize that your church is a power for the social order of this town. I am not a Catholic myself, Father; but I esteem the Catholic Church as a great conservative force in these days of shifting sands.

"And, by the way, Father, you know we employ two hundred of your congregation in our works. Well, there has recently come in among our workingmen several organizers of the Industrial Federation of Labor. They are causing discontent with our wage scale. Moreover, I believe this new Federation is tainted with socialist and even anarchistic teachings. I think your people ought to be warned against such things from the pulpit. Not all our workmen are church-goers; and I often think that the non-church goers may contaminate the believing Christians, especially touching the contract relations between employers and employees, and the duties of

the town trodden and to render it far-cast in the eyes of the world.

Vice Pres. Marshall, who does not stand very high with organized labor, has burst forth with great tremors over the growth of Socialism and warns every one with a guilty conscience over the robbery of labor to keep his eyes peeled. And the great Socialist movement is without ears for such puny voices and keeps on in its majestic march toward the conquering of the world. Poor Marshall, so big—and yet so miserable little!

The laudatory flat-out of the attempted hunger strike of the fellows who have been framing up a fake free speech fight in Denver for the sake of themselves that it would bring in from about the country, is enough to make the gods laugh. The average militant workman, however, will view the thing with disgust, for he has had quite enough of the self-advertising antics of these slum proletarians and their bringings of the great cause of labor into contempt.

Elsewhere this issue is a timely bit of comment from John M. Collins, organizer of the International Association of Machinists. Along with it I am reprinting an editorial that appeared in the Catholic Citizen some nine years ago at the beginning of the time when certain elements in that church declared open war on the Socialists. Perhaps the citizen feels different now. As to that I do not know.

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ably isn't so. Deacon's sheet gives out a lot of funny stuff every time it "enlightens" its readers about Socialist elections in Milwaukee—or when it tries to artificially claim votes that

come to it through voting machine peculiarities. Always funny, reel amoozin'. Well, Dannie is welcome to all the anti-Socialist comfort he can get out of our vote in the school board

bye-election, in which we elected two members of the board. We have never registered the party strength in such elections, and never expect to, while the present election machinery is in operation.

Father Peter E. Dietz, the Minot of Christ man, calls the Belgian strike for justice in the voting right bad names and says you can't believe what is being sent out about it anymore than the news about Ferrer could be believed. I should think Dietz would hesitate before calling up the name of Ferrer, whose murder puts its stain upon him as well as upon the rest of the church that brought the horrid crime about. In fact, the year that Ferrer has already begun to call the strike a "pitiful farce." Nothing strange or unusual about that, either. It is not the first time they have ranged themselves on the side of oppression and wrong. Neither such papers nor men of the Dietz type have a sincere interest in the working class.

An Englishman who was very intimate with Pierpont Morgan claims that he had an exaggerated fear of the Socialist. This is interesting. Morgan fixed up some partial Socialism for the favored few, but, it appears, he had sense enough to see the trend of affairs and to realize that the Socialism for the few would have to come way sooner or later for the Socialist for the many. Having helped

on the collective organization of industry to a certain point, his long visitation and his estimate of human nature told him unerringly that the processes he had set in motion were beyond his power to afterward stop. Mark Hanna saw Socialism coming. Morgan saw it coming only a dol's can think on the subject at all without being impressed with the same thing.

The Salt Lake City Intermountain Worker reports that 150 men are on their way through that part of the country to the so-called free speech fight in Denver. They are travelling in box cars and feeding themselves by holding street meetings along the way, at which they pass the hat and take donations for the free speech fight, which means, of course, themselves. The money thus taken in is divided among the gang. Just how many of these roustabouts will descend upon Denver is not known, but probably enough of them to put up an imitation of the Spokane and San Diego performances. Meantime Denver Socialists assure the country that there is to be a speech fight in this city and that none but vagabonds are claiming that there is. They say the whole thing is a shameful frame-up for the purpose of supporting a lot of water-shushing never-worriers on the money of credulous members of the working class about the country, such as can be reached by the dishonest L. W. panhandling appeals.

church. These practical plutocrats are at least sane in estimating what danger there is in Socialism... Only when it comes into the domain of political politics, with schemes and tendencies of legislation, it is to be reckoned with.

"Socialism is merely the new form in which the social discontent, that has troubled all ages, now expresses itself. Socialism is disturbing and eruptive, just as all the historic class movements have been. It may become revolutionary and it may prove confiscations. But these, too, have transpired in other ages; and, nevertheless, the world has settled back to the decalogue as the safest law and the justest standard for the workshop and the legislation."

"The Dangers of Socialism."

"The danger of Socialism, from the plutocratic standpoint, is wholly its effect on the wage scale. Among Christians, the most obnoxious aspect of Socialism is the menace, from its radical wing, the Christian marriage." But does this aspect trouble the marionettes? By no means. Little care they how their imported Hungarian and Slovak laborers hear, or whether the progeny of their labor pens ever see the inside of a

church. The above remarks of the Catholic Citizen ought to be pondered over by Catholics whose priests meddle in politics.

"This is a wholly erroneous charge. It is Socialism that will rescue marriage from the contamination of commercialism, as our readers well know. —Ed. Herald.

The abolition of the present system of production must bring with it the abolition of the community of women springing from that system, i.e., of prostitution both public and private.—"Communist Manifesto," of Marx and Engels.

rights of property, adherence to the obligations of contracts and obedience to law.

"But there is no reason why the Church or its clergy should bow low to bouquets thrown from this platform.

I hope the day is not far off when these Catholic workmen will be in the game. It stands to reason that if a man or a set of men give money to malnourish a laundress, he or they will have something to say as to how this house should be run. And so it will be with the Gary steel trust.

In case those Catholic workingmen and go on to strike better their conditions, then you can see what side these churches would have to take.

Again, where did the corporation get this \$50,000 from? Why they got it from the sweat of these workingmen who belong to these churches. What a deplorable state of affairs.

JOHN M. COLLINS.

scribes what he stood for.

He firmly believed that wealth should rule and that the government's policies should be shaped to enrich the few at the expense of the many. He was neither better nor worse than the forces that areuperior in number. He was a champion of solid commercialism, of enterprising and all sorts of commercialism. Where other men in other times have taken up the sword to put an end to oligarchs, he made appeal to the potent force of the almighty dollar.

To estimate the value of Mr. Hanna's good opinion, we must not overlook his standpoint: He was regarded as the typical statesman of commercialism in our politics. A Democratic newspaper thus de-

(About the dead is naught but good); but it is entirely probable that if Mark Hanna had lived in the days of Christ, he would have been with the money-changers in the temple. His ideals would have identified him with that class interests those days.

Now, there is nothing at all surprising in the money-changers approving an institution which promotes honesty and industry among the masses. They are not blameable for appreciating whatever influences promote respect for the

nation.

"De mortuis nil nisi bonum

land shrieked for his blood. Today, every beneficiary of plutocracy; every cringing retainer; every fawning intellectual prostitute; every genuflecting servitor pilories the memory of John Ball and crucifies the people's friends. Cardinal and financier, industrial captain and flunkie raise their voices in unison against what they are pleased to call "the mob." They are all one in condemning the leaders of the people. They all profess a common interest and all will

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You can pay for Leader Income Bonds in installments of \$1.00 for each Bond subscribed. Send The Leader \$1.00 now on at least one bond. Comrade. Don't let the reactionaries of America have it to say that American Socialists will let a good ship sink. Let us hear from you today.

WHAT IS CAPITALISM?

What is capitalism? It is anything that a person may own, and by means of the ownership of it, collect tribute from others who must use it. Capital means money, land, machinery or buildings, but those who own it and those who use it constitute the two classes in the economic world—the capitalist class and the working class. And this system of owning by one without using, and by others without owning, is capitalism.

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IT HAPPENED IN MILWAUKEE

Despite the vigorous protests of the Social-Democratic members, the common council, in its adjourned charter meeting Friday afternoon, awarded three out of four of the contracts for the city's printing to concerns that do not have the union label. The only union label concern to get a contract was the Phoenix Printing company.

The awards were as follows: Advertising, per issue, The News Printing company, 45 cents for the first issue and 35 cents for subsequent insertions; the Germania-Herald, 34 and 24 cents; the Kuryer Publishing company, 34 and 34, and for printing \$2.34 per page for from \$50 to 1,000 copies.

Social-Democrats Protest.

Ald. William Coleman, Social-Democrat, made a motion to eliminate The News Printing company, the Germania-Herald, and the Kuryer Publishing company from the competition that the concerns do not have the union label. After a spirited discussion, the motion was lost by a vote of 15 to 11. Aldermen Deefler and Urbanek, Social-Democrats, were absent, but Aldermen Meyer and Dempsey, "non-partisans," voted with the Social-Democrats.

Ald. George Grede, "non-partisan," advanced the argument that the council was obliged to award the contracts to the lowest bidders under the law.

Grede Shows Colors.

"If my employer knew I carried a union card, he would make it impossible for me to get work in the United States," said Ald. Grede, who is a telegrapher. "A thousand men are out of work in Canada now for just this reason." (Ald. Grede was evidently referring to the Great Northwestern Telegraph company, which is the Western Union in Canada, as it is discriminating against union men to the extent of discharging them.) That's why I don't carry a union card. The object of the minority in this council is not to show the minority in harmony with union men, but to try to show that the majority is opposed to unions."

"We're union men and we are trying to show sympathy for union men," declared Ald. Welch, Social-Democrat. "I have been a union man for 21 years and I will not be a traitor. We stand for the interests of humanity and the working class. There was a laugh when I introduced a resolution in the council in 1904, asking that the union label be placed on the manual. But it was put on and has been on ever since."

Kauey Is Fearful.

"I'm just as good a union man as you are," sputtered Ald. Wittig, addressing Ald. Welch.

"I believe I would be violating my oath of office if I voted for this amendment," said Ald. Kauey. "It is mandatory upon the common council to give the contracts to the lowest bidders."

"I would feel very sorry for the union movement if all union men were like Ald. Grede," declared Ald. Leo Krzycki, Social-Democrat, a strong trade unionist. "He is too quick to vote for this because he would lose his job. The constitution of the United States is supposed to grant freedom of the press, freedom of speech and the right to organize. As Socialists we avail ourselves of these rights."

"I am sure that the aldermen who vote against this will have some explaining to do," declared Ald. Allridge, Social-Democrat and trade unionist.

"First, last and all the time, I stand for the interests of the working class," said Ald. Coleman, Social-Democrat, and president of the Consolidated Painters' unions. "I would walk the streets with my feet out of my shoes before I would deny that I am a union man."

The Chaps Who Made the Constitution

Many of the common school book traditions of American history were dealt some hard blows by Oscar Ameringer when he spoke on "The Truth About Socialism" before nearly 1,000 people at Plankinton hall Auditorium in Milwaukee.

"Our American government is not, never was nor will it ever intend to be democratic," declared Ameringer. "The men who made our constitution were not the men who drafted the declaration of independence."

"It is a significant fact that only six men who signed the declaration also signed the final draft of the constitution. These six were 'workingmen.'

"Four of them were farmers—all with a degree from Yale. Benjamin Franklin, one of the other two, hadn't set type for \$6 years."

"The class that had been in secret and sometimes open sympathy with the Tories, and who did none of the fighting for independence from England, were the people who wrote and dictated the constitution."

"Our American constitution is the most un-American institution in the country. It is a foreign importation. It was imported from England. The framers of the American government wanted to have a government with the outward semblance of a democracy and with the substance of an aristocracy."

"They followed the model of the English monarchy, and they succeeded admirably."

"Our house of representatives is comparable to the English house of commons; our senate is to be compared with the English house of lords; our president is not unlike the English king."

"But our democracy is even less democratic than the English monarchy. We have a supreme court,

proposed, are the best antidotes for Socialism, etc., etc. The laboring man turns to Socialism because he believes it is the thing that will give him an equal chance with capital. He can not get his rights under the law and he becomes a sympathizer with Socialistic ideas."

Unshackled Organized Labor.

"Take the shackles from organized labor and give it a chance with those who are already protected by the state."

Assemblyman Rosa also spoke in favor of the bill declaring it high time that something was done to remedy it.

Most of the members of the lower house who are inclined to balk a Socialistic measure which comes up for consideration, either voted for the bill when their names were called, or were conveniently absent from the chamber. Those who did not vote are Bedding, Hinkel, Litz, Estabrook, all "non-partisans" from Milwaukee and Mahon of Shawano county.

Voted With Labor Men.

Not only did the house order the bill to engrossment, but immediately suspended the rules of the roll call and passed the measure. Those who voted in favor of the bill are Allison, Anderson, Bartingale, Blumhoff, Burke, Carpenter, Clegg, Clinton, August Dierich, Dierich, Dorn, Englehardt, Everett, Fredrick, Gann, Goff, Gorecki, Grinde, Hullsbeck, Don S. Hall, Judson Hall, Hamata, Hawn, Heden, Holmes, Hood, Hurbut, Jennings, Johnson, Johns Axel, Le J. Johnson, Kiefer, Larsen, Laur, Laycock, Lantz, Manning, McComb, Meland, Minkley, Motz, Nord, Nye, Paul, Paulu, Peavey, Rhe, Richards, Richardson, Roethe, Ross, Scanlan, Schindler, Schnitler, Sharp, Smart, Smith, Sommerfeld, Stempel, Stewart, Ta, Urquhart, Viebahn, Vint, Walsh, Whiteside, Zillier, Zian and the speaker.

Those who voted against the bill are Grimrud, Hansen, Murphy, O'Day, Ott, Pfenning and T. S. Sauer.

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OUR YOUNG FOLKS

he had gone on board of the Minnesota a year previous and as he walked up the steps the words that the young sailor had spoken to him came back and now he understood what the sailor had wanted to tell him. "It's true," said Hans, "I ought to have taken his advice and kept out."

Hans went with an old ship's corporal, who promised to show him the sights. They wandered around New York and the corporal having some friends over in Brooklyn, took the ferry and went over. Some time in Brooklyn, in a side street, the corporal said,

"Come on, Hans; I'm dry. Let's splice the main brace." Hans went into a dingy saloon, took a seat and Hans, who drank nothing in the shape of strong drink, ordered a lemonade, while the corporal took a whisky. He had hardly drunk the whisky, however, when he threw a half dollar on the table, took Hans by the shoulder and pushed him out of the door, following close behind himself.

Both had scarcely walked more than a few blocks, when the corporal became so "drunk" that he could not walk any farther, so Hans put him on a sheltered doorstep, where he went to sleep, Hans standing guard over him for several hours till he came to again.

"Hans," said the corporal, "that was a close shave. Do you know that that whisky was doped? If we had staid there, perhaps neither of us would have reached the old Portsmouth again."

That experience was a warning for Hans, and he kept clear of saloons in narrow side streets after that.

CHAPTER XLVI.

"Jumping the Boat."

Every man-of-war lying in port at anchor away from the dock, out in the stream, as it is called, has a regular hot service connecting it with the shore. So in the morning a galley boat, called the market boat, goes ashore with the stewards of the officers' messes. Usually the men who have had leave over night return with this boat, which should reach the ship at 8 o'clock. Then after quarters, a boat, usually a cutter, and such officers as had leave, have dinner at 1 o'clock. The cook gave another cook the wink, who went ahead into the sick bay, where he pretended to be the doctor.

The darkey was then taken to the sick bay where he was ordered to strip and then put on his head and do other tricks. After the cook had got as much fun out of him as they wanted to he was given a paper signs by Doctor Conundrum and told he was now out of the ship's company.

The poor fellow then went into the wardroom and there assisted the other boys. When one of the officers asked him what he was doing there he replied that he was shipped and harnessed him up.

The officer seeing the joke, had him placed under the charge of the strictest charge. While the superstitious doctor came to him and asked him why he was there, at the same time telling him that he must have committed some breach of the ship's rules and the doctor thought he could do better to skip. Watching his chance the darky lit out and was seen no more.

In New York the boys who had jumped the boat when the cutter was backed in again, those taken on board off and pulled

back to the ship. In this way the boys were prevented from jumping ashore.

CHAPTER XLVII.

Has It Promised.

During the forepart of November the Potomac completed her stores and was placed under sailing orders. On Nov. 12, the wind being fair, she got under way with a spanking breeze and ran down the North river under topsails. She passed through the Narrows and when off the quarantining station it blew so hard that the nizzen topsail was split like an old rag. The wind freshened late a first gale, so that she was put under storm canvas, that is, coarse reefed fore and main topsails and storm staysails.

The weather continued heavy till she anchored in Chesapeake bay on Nov. 16. Next day, with a light fair wind, all sails were set and the old ship sailed up past Fortress Monroe and no old salt pointed out where the Merrimac was blown up. Then up James river she went past the city, up to the navy yard, where she moored to the dock.

The wind died out gradually and all sails remained set till the ship was moored, when the order came, "all hands furl sail." When the old hand had been furl'd and a gangplank laid ashore the ship was over run by colored bumboat and washerwomen, for this was in "Old Virginia."

Here at the navy yard the Portsmouth was dismantled, the masts unhoisted, the running rigging unrope and the light yards, masts and stays down. She was put in drydock and had her bottom cleaned and overhauled. The boys were kept busy in the riggin' and sail lofts and in keeping the ship clean. There were a number of other ships at the navy yards, the crews often exchanging visits. All of the boys were examined and Hans was promoted to second-class apprentice.

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'Dr. Conundrum.'

One day a young darkey came on board who wanted to ship as a wardroom boy, an officer's servant. He had wandered down the berth deck where he spoke to one of the cooks. The cook gave another cook the wink, who went ahead into the sick bay, where he pretended to be the doctor.

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Good-Bye to the Portsmouth!

On December 6, ten apprentices were transferred to the U. S. S. Vandalia which sailed a few days later for the West Indies. Christmas day came and brought a good dinner for the boys. They had turkey and cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, etc. One of the men's messes had young men roasted and one of the marine messes had three oysters which are considered a great delicacy among the darkies.

The remainder of the crew, including Estabrook, Smarr, Litz, Hinkel, Lantz, Dierich, Burke, Hedges, Hinkel, Paulu, Scanlan and the speaker.

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CHAPTER XLIX.

Good-Bye to the Portsmouth!

On December 6, ten apprentices were transferred to the U. S. S. Vandalia which sailed a few days later for the West Indies. Christmas day came and brought a good dinner for the boys. They had turkey and cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, etc. One of the men's messes had young men roasted and one of the marine messes had three oysters which are considered a great delicacy among the darkies.

After divine service a list of the boys to be transferred was posted up on the bulletin board on the gundeck by the ship's writer and Hanks found his name on it. He had turn in his station billet and learned that he was going to be sent to the corvette Galena then lying at the navy yard in Brooklyn.

For the evening an entertainment had been arranged by the chaplain with the following programme which was posted on the bulletin board.

GRAND ENTERTAINMENT!!

Christmas Eve at the half deck hall, corner of Main Street end & Gettysburg Avenue. Carriages can be ordered at 8 P. M. They will be found attached to the guns. Children without arms not admitted. The performance will be loose at 7 Q. X sharp.

Part I.

Overture Bugle..... Sander, the Ship's Bugler.

Rehearsal Gun..... G. L. Sellers.

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SISSETON, South Dakota.—For the first time in the history of the state Socialists have elected a mayoralty candidate. In the hot campaign that came to a close in this city yesterday, John C. Knapp won over his Republican and Democratic opponents. None of the Socialist candidates for aldermen were elected, though each of them was defeated by only a very narrow margin.

CONCORD, New Hampshire.—Charges of offering to sell his vote preferred against Representative Clifford L. Snow of Manchester were upheld by the house and he was ordered expelled. The vote was 177 to 119.

Party lines were eliminated in the balloting. Snow was elected as a Republican, but afterward joined the Progressives, and during the last few weeks had voted with the Democrats. The expulsion is the first in the history of t's New Hampshire legislature.

Show was found guilty of having offered to sell his vote and influence to George Woodward, a Democratic candidate for United States senator, to Franklin Worcester, Republican candidate for governor, and to Elmer S. Tilton, Republican candidate for governor's council.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Commissioner of Labor Charles P. Neill has made public a report on conditions of employment in the iron and steel industry, this being the third part of the report two parts having been previously issued. The investigation of the bureau of labor into the iron and steel industry is in compliance with a resolution of the Senate passed in June, 1910.

The report says: "The workers of the steel industry have not an effective means of determining the conditions under which they work or even of calling attention to those features which they consider unjust and apart from the fact that a very large number of the workers cannot make themselves understood by their superiors or by many of their fellow workers, they are almost entirely without any organization."

The report says that in 1908, 57 per cent of the employees in the iron and steel industry were foreign-born, as against 55 per cent in 1900, there being 36,409 natives born and 49,820 foreign born.

"There is at present no open organization of iron and steel workers in any of the subsidiary companies of the United States Steel corporation," says the report, "and in only two of the large independent companies."

Out attention has just been called to an error which occurred in our statement of the annual production of wealth in the United States as annually about \$4,000,000,000. It should have been \$20,712,000,000 at least. The exact amount is, of course, rather difficult to estimate. The authorities at hand do not any of them give the figures for all the different kinds of new wealth produced. The government statistics are also somewhat unsatisfactory. But from several sources we have gathered the following figures, which must be taken as only partial and tentative. In each case we quote the authority from which the figures are taken.

Agriculture—All crops, except cotton, 1910. The Bureau of Census Report, 1910. The Bureau of Manufactures, 1910. Manufacturers' value added, \$2,928,000,000.

Bureau of Census Report, 1912. \$2,620,261,000. Minerals and metals, 1910. The Bureau of Manufactures, prepared by U. S. Geological Survey, 2,000,000,000.

Timber and wood, World Almanac, 1912. 1,250,000,000.

Total \$20,712,000,000.

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OUR YOUNG FOLKS

Young Folks
in Action

Contributions solicited. Write briefly.

HOW WILL THEY SERVE?

While it must be conceded that the young Socialist organizations are as yet groping to find their place in the movement, rest assured they will find it. The young folks are organized for mutual improvement and entertainment, of course, but also they are banding together so as to be of service to Socialism, and they will in time work it to just the place that they are fitted to fill. It will not be enough that they have music and sociability; song with it they will crave the chance to help the great movement. Certainly there is work they can do that they can do better than their elders. What is that work? It will be made clear as the leagues develop and gather experience.

On this line a writer in the Buffalo Socialist, Comrade Kendrick P. Shedd, says: "Have you a Y. P. S. L. in your town? No? Don't let the grass grow under your soles. The young people are a vast asset for Socialism, and you should get them. If you don't, some reactionary organization will! Depend upon that, for young people with their magnificent strength and waiting talents are not going to lie idle and unused forever! They are yearning for an opportunity to express themselves. Can you give it to them? Then some other fellow will—and you have thrown another fine chance to the winds!"

"How keep them? Well, set them to work, if possible. Most people like to do things. They don't like to be mere sticks, so to speak. They want to help build. They want to express themselves, where can we give them a proper opportunity? The membership must be studied, and work of some sort must be found. Our young people are asked to help in the local work. For example, during the course of lectures, just passed, we sang on the platform before each lecture. We took tickets. We ushered, distributed cards and circulars, and made ourselves generally useful. That all helped. That gave many something to do, and they felt that they were of some use to the cause."

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"Young People's Socialist Leagues THE CHICAGO Y. P. S. L.

The young Socialists of Chicago have the first to organize themselves into a Young People's Socialist League. Ever since the spring of 1907 the Chicago Y. P. S. L. has taken an active part in the Socialist activities of that city. They maintain a fine headquarters well equipped for the social and educational needs of the young people.

The Chicago Young People's Socialist League is taking the initiative in an effort to launch a national Young People's Socialist League.

Free Lunchers a Laughing Stock Again!

DENVER, Colorado.—The "hunger strike" of the 66 members of the Industrial Workers who are in jail here is broken. One man encumbered last night and devoured a whole loaf of bread, and when the other prisoners saw this, they fell hungrily to their "feed."

HEBREWS ACTIVE WORKERS.

The Milwaukee Jewish branch, which is affiliated with the county central committee, has joined the recently organized Federation of Jewish Socialists of America. The offices of the federation are at 1000 N. Dearborn Street, the organizer is Jacob B. Steinberg. The federation is planning to send William Edlin, an influential Yiddish Socialist orator on a tour from New

Nobility and Clerics Get the Shivers While
Belgium Workers' Silent Revolution Goes On

BRUSSELS, Belgium.—The greatest strike in the history of the world is now on in Belgium. Monday more than 300,000 workers, men laid down their tools and left their factories and workshops. Industry, commerce, trading, almost civilization itself is at a standstill.

Hour by hour the number of the strikers is increasing, and in a few days not a wheel will turn, not a railroad train will move—the country will be paralyzed.

The nobility, flanked by their clerical allies, are fearful in their places today. Never in the history of the world has there been a revolution like this.

The government has its troops but it dares not use them. The Socialists have posted a great sign before their headquarters: "Soldiers! do not shoot your brothers!"

The soldiers are themselves working people and they are in sympathy with

the strikers. If they are told to shoot the workers, they may not do it and thus the arm of the nobility and the clerics who are trying to hold the workers in bondage and subjection.

The working people object to the present system of voting. Under their present system every man over 21 years of age has one vote. This allows all the working people to vote. But if a man has a university diploma, he gets two votes instead of one. If a man owns property and pays a certain amount of tax he is given another vote. This means that only the rich people can have more than one vote.

In the last election there were 28,000 people who had two votes, one person had two votes or three votes. Under this system there were 704,549 people cast almost 2,000,000 votes. Three-quarters of a million of rich

people and clerics cast twice as many votes as the working people.

If everybody had just one vote, the Socialists would be in power because they are the strongest political party in the country. But under the present system the nobility and the clerics rule the country. They rule it not because they have a majority but because they have an unfair advantage.

The Socialists want to abolish the unfair advantage and let each party vote on its merits.

The working people who are now on strike say they will not return to work until the government has appointed a commission to change the present system of voting. They have begun a great strike and are putting up a determined fight. If they win the Belgian strike will be one of the greatest events in the history of the working class to win its own emancipation.

Capitalist Depravity—There's No Limit to It

THE WAGES OF SIN.

BY EDWARD PORTER.

(Written for The Herald.)

(An employer, testifying before the Illinois Vice Commission, declared he "could see practically no connection between low wages and immorality.") I know you not; but well I know your kind, And most unkindly does it seem to me: Envoy of that False God, Almighty Dollar, You live as it befits your inclination; But to the ones who are your abject slaves, Your minions in the daily grind, you give, As if, forsooth, they were but pensioners, Less than enough to eke out mere existence; Then, as "Philanthropists" (if there be devils How they must relish this!) you do bestow As "Charity" the weary toilers' earnings.

Dealing in Babies!

CHICAGO, Illinois.—A state maternity hospital and state supervision and inspection of private maternity institutions and foundling homes, are among the remedial measures planned by the Curran legislative investigating committee for the protection of the hundreds of mothers yearly deprived of their babies in the institutions in Chicago and vicinity.

Appalling conditions have been found to exist in the maternity hospitals and foundling homes by the legislative committee. Infants are put up for sale and sometimes even bought before they are born in order to pay for the mother's medical attention during confinement.

The mothers powerless to interfere in the transaction. No record is kept of the children and it is seldom that the mother sees her child after birth. The transaction is often carried on in a contract form, and if the child is crippled at birth and therefore unsalable, the mother contracts to pay the hospital authorities for her care and for the care of her child.

Sensually Mad.

CHICAGO, Illinois.—Dean Sumner, noted educator, back from New York, where he "took in" some of the afternoon cafe dances that shocked Mayor Gaynor, today took their slogs at the metropolis:

"New York has gone sensually mad."

The afternoon cafe dance was introduced in Chicago following its noisy debut in New York. Dean Sumner today declared it "one of the greatest

(Perchance their children cry aloud for bread; You give them but a stone—mayhap a mighty one! Stuffed full to overflow with pond'rous tomes.)

From man to man this is a way most infamous: Then doubly damn'd be he who treats a woman so! Five dollars is enough for she who dwells at home; Eight if she be 'drift' (O word significant!) For food, so much; for lodging, so and so;

For clothing, less by far than any a man Would smoke or drink in a convivial hour.

Shame on you, Master Man! Full well you know The needs and the desires of woman-kind:

Food, warmth, adornment, a respite from the grid

That's oft a living death to soul and body.

In quest of these she goes "the easier way."

Does not your conscience hurt—or have you none?

She sells her birthright for the Wage of Sin:

But 'tis your Siofah Wage that drives her to it.

menace to our civic and social morality."

"The daylight dance is one of the worst expressions of lust that exists today," he said.

"Can anything be more vulgar than the practice of business men leaving their offices to dance with women of questionable reputation?"

"There is more immorality, unfortunately, among those who should be refined, than any others in the world."

No Socialists There.

One of the results of the municipal election held in Chicago last Tuesday is recorded in the daily press as follows:

"Alderman Michael Kenna, known as 'Hinky Dink,' the fellow councilman of Bathhouse John Coughlin, for the First ward, was returned as usual by an impressive total, getting 4,543 votes to the Progressive 711 and the Socialist 201. He had an Republican opposition."

The First ward in Chicago is populated largely by the lodging house element, and the criminal and vicious in society. "Hinky Dink" conducts a saloon of the barrel house variety and is looked upon as the patron saint of this part of the city, sharing the honors with his friend, "Bathhouse John," a similar character.

Among such a constituency Socialism stands no show whatever, as is evidenced by the returns of every election, despite the fact that much propaganda work is constantly carried on by Socialists among this class of people. This ought to be proof sufficient that Socialism can make no real progress by appealing to the down-and-out element in society whose moral sensibilities have become dulled to such a degree that

they immediately cause them to perpetuate the system of which they are the poor victims.

Our ultra-revolutionary Socialists who are so fond of loudly proclaiming the philosophy of misery ideas as making for Socialism, ought to learn a lesson from the recent election results as seen in Chicago's First ward and similar places in all our large cities. It requires intelligence to come a good Socialist, and conditions that make for extreme poverty and misery are not conducive to intelligent action.—Seattle Herald.

MANY POLISH SOCIALISTS.

Probably the Social-Democratic party finds no stronger support from any nationality, excepting the Germans, than from the Poles. In the United States there are more than 4,000 dues-paying members affiliated with the party organization, and these are scattered in more than 400 localities in various cities of the country.

"Two daily Polish newspapers published in the Polish tongue are maintained, and in addition to these are numerous weeklies, of lesser importance.

One of the curious things observable in Milwaukee is the changed attitude of the Polish people towards the Social-Democrats. Not so many years ago becoming a Social-Democrat with a Pole meant practical ostracism.

The Socialists were denounced from the pulpits of the Polish churches and were ridiculed on all hands. But now the Polish is one of the strongest national groups in the party.

THE CASE OF CROOKED RULES.

The terms of the reinstatement of Richardson, the Normanton goods guard who was dismissed from their

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MAKING SOCIALISTS.

Socialist sentiment is growing these days with Niagara rapidity.

The economic pressure in the shops, factories, mines and on the farms is plowing up the mental soil in splendid shape to receive the message of the Socialist propagandist.

Nine men out of every ten you meet are fearfully discontented and discouraged with the outlook for the future. This condition of affairs exists in every city, town and village in the country.

To make Socialists out of the present day workers it is only necessary to get them to understand what it is and what it aims to do.

You may not feel qualified to put up the best argument for our cause but you can push the Social-Democratic Herald subscriptions and then rest assured that the great cause will be presented to your friends in the most forcible way.

We want a club from you